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Friends of NDSS members Sheila Gayman, Judy Rive, Laura Hernder and Joanne Hicks have some fun with the new foosball table purchased with the proceeds from the event held by the Friends Saturday night, which was held to raise money for the Penner Youth Room at the new community centre. It's a great addition to the room and will be well-used, says program manager Kevin Turcotte. For story please see page 10.

Victory for Queenston

Residents win David and Goliath battle against jet boat development at Queenston dock

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

It's been almost two years since a battle to prevent a new building at the Queenston dock began, and a year since closing arguments were heard at the town hall in Virgil, but the news released last week was worth the wait for Queenston residents.

The residents' association and St. Saviour Brock Memorial Church won their appeal against the town, the Niagara Escarpment Commission, Whirlpool Jet Boats and the owner of the dock, C.G. Bawtinheimer.

The Minister of Natural Resources agreed with the chairman of the environmental tribunal, who heard 27 days worth of evidence—the Niagara Escarpment Commission cannot issue a permit for a new two-storey building to replace the one that was torn down at the Queenston sand dock.

"Community engagement" should have occurred before the issue reached the point of appeal, said Linda Jeffrey, Minister of Natural Resources.

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All Canadians deserve equal opportunities, says Liberal candidate

This election is about choosing between two visions of Canada, says Bev Hodgson.

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Bev Hodgson has been in politics for decades, but this is her first stab at putting herself forward as a candidate.

The long-time Liberal says the May 2 federal election is about giving voters a choice between two visions for Canada—and in her view, the Liberal party is offering the balanced choice.

"I feel strongly that the majority of Canadians want that Canada back—one that is fiscally responsible with progressive social values, not the American style of politics."

She envisions a Canada where all Canadians, including those who are struggling financially, have equal opportunities, she says; where Canadians can count on good health care, secure pensions, and the chance for a good education, from early childhood on to university; and can rely on employment for themselves and their children.

The Liberals, if given the opportunity, would not only give tax breaks to volunteer firefighters, as Conservative Rob Nicholson had pointed to in his government's budget—lifted from the Liberal platform, she charged—they would do it for all volunteer firefighters, regardless of income.

The Liberals would also like to see a 'green renovation' tax credit.

As for War of 1812 event funding, "the local committees have not been told they're receiving funding," she said, calling it irresponsible for the Conservative government to withhold that information and turn it into an election issue.

Bev Hodgson

"It's Canadian history, national in scope. The War of 1812 is what makes us Canadian. Funding bicentennial events should not be politicized. The committees deserve funding, and they should be told what they're getting—they should have been told a long time ago."

Hodgson, a Niagara Falls lawyer, objects to Conservative attempts to focus on their budget as the cause of this election, when it was the government being held in contempt of Parliament for its refusal to share information that led to their downfall. Skirting that issue, as they have across the country, she said, does not respect democracy.

It was time for her party "to draw a line in the sand and say no more, and for Canadians to be given a chance to make a choice."

Hodgson has been involved with the Boys and Girls Club of Niagara Falls, the Shaw Festival as a Governors Council Member, the Niagara Symphony, The Boys and Girls Club of Niagara Falls, the United Way of Niagara Falls and the YWCA of Niagara.

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Green Party has strongest policies, says candidate—and not all about environment

Kris Dubé
QMI Agency

Shawn Willick says voters need to pay attention to policies when heading to the polls on May 2.

The federal candidate for the Green Party says he and and his party are campaigning on smart economy, strong communities and real democracy.

The three municipalities within the Niagara riding, Fort Erie, Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake all have interdependent issues such as the environment, the economy and health care.

"One plays off of another," said Willick, a Fort Erie French teacher.

The Green Party takes a unique approach with its style of politics, says Willick, especially on the campaign trail, avoiding attacks on opposing parties and promoting the positive steps his party has made.

"That's why I'm with the party. I see an opportunity to do politics differently."

He feels his party has the strongest policy manual of all four major parties in Canada, and one that doesn't change from election to election.

Shawn Willick

Willick is making efforts to raise Green awareness and make people realize its platform extends beyond preserving the environment, which voters assume is the Green mandate.

"The purpose of my campaign is still trying to educate people about the party," he said.

"If I can do that, then I believe with the sheer force of logic alone, people will come to realize this party is, policy-wise, the best party."

Every time an election comes around, Willick feels that many voters have made their decision on who they will be supporting based on loyalty to a party, or with the younger generation, because that's the way their parents have voted.

He says he believes people need to be more open-minded and consider how each candidate can provide benefits for his or her constituency.

One focus he says that needs to be made by the federal government is protecting shorelines, with a strategic plan in place for development—especially in Niagara, which he refers to as an "island community."

Niagara-on-the Lake, like the other communities in his riding, have concerns that need to be addressed at the federal level, he said. He cited the Project Niagara issue as an example, appreciating the fact that the development's opposition, the Harmony Group, came to the table with various options, other than what was being proposed.

"You have to provide options for development. You can't just oppose it for the sake of opposing it."

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Jobs a priority for NDP candidate

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Creating jobs in Niagara is one of Heather Kelley's primary objectives.

The New Democratic Party candidate for the Niagara riding in the May 2 federal election says finding a solid base for employment is a constant struggle for residents in the region.

"Watching my children struggle for jobs and the job market shrink, I think it's about time for a change in government," said Kelley, who has been a union representative for the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers for the last 13 years, after being employed at Fleet Industries.

She feels her focus and passion for the area are the main reasons why she is the right person to represent the NDP, a party she has affiliated with for many years.

"I decided it was time the NDP party had a candidate that could make a difference in the area. I'm the person that can do that," she said.

As a union representative, she has a vast understanding of employment rates in the area and what could possibly be done to produce improvements, she says.

"I've been committed to working on behalf of working people, as well as those who don't have jobs," said Kelley, a Fort Erie resident.

She also feels that the depletion of medical services in Niagara needs to be addressed.

"We need a real focus on health care," she said.

Natural resources such as waterfront lands and the farming and agricultural industries also deserve more attention from the federal government, in her opinion.

"We're slowly depleting those resources," she said, referring to lands in Greater Fort Erie.

While times might not be considered as tough in Niagara-on-the-Lake, she says, there is still plenty of opportunity to build on the progress made already.

"I think there's an opportunity for the people of Niagara-on-the-Lake to be even more successful."

This is Kelley's first time running for political office, but she says she has worked on campaigns for other NDP politicians at all levels of government.

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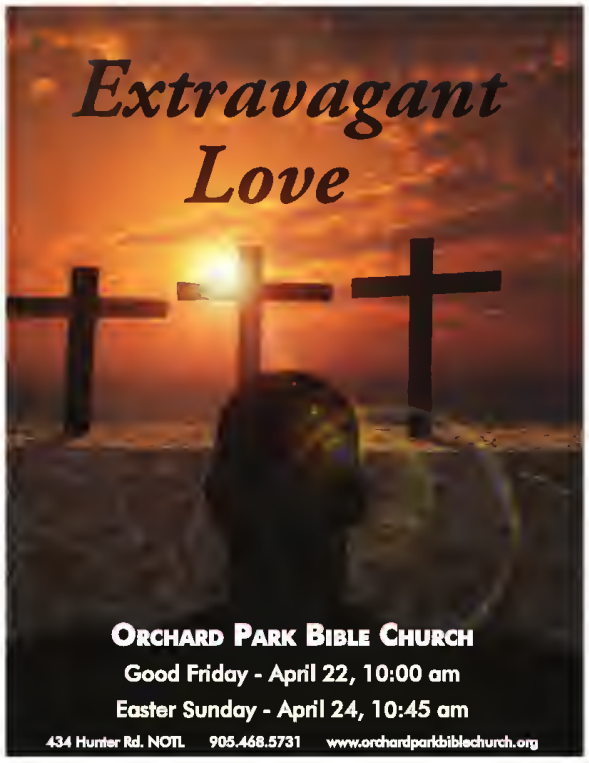

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Craitor wins nomination, hopes to continue as riding MPP

He has three priorities—jobs, health care and education.

Kim Craitor says he is proud to have been nominated again to represent his riding in the fall provincial election, and hopes to continue to serve as a Liberal MPP.

While much has been accomplished, "much more remains to be done, and I want to do it."

He has three priorities, he said at his acceptance of the nomination Saturday: Good quality jobs, excellent delivery of health care and the proper education of our children.

He spoke of the stories of the many people he has met—stories about their jobs, the health of their families, and their hopes for their children—stories that help him make better decisions as an MPP.

"Sometimes their stories drive me to tears... sometimes they raise my spirits high."

He said that while he respects the party system, he is not a slave to it—he believes concerns of constituents cross political ideology.

He is particularly proud of his efforts to introduce a bill in government that "defines a gold standard for transparency," and of his support for grandparents who want reasonable access to see their grandchildren.

> **"Sometimes people's stories drive me to tears, sometimes they raise my spirits high."**
> *— MPP Kim Craitor*

He also mentioned his help to make the grape and wine industry become more sustainable, and his party's investments in provincial highways, including the Queen Elizabeth Way. He expects to see the Go train to Niagara a permanent, year-round service, he said.

He spoke of provincial funding for infrastructure toward local bicentennial celebrations, including Queenston's Laura Secord homestead.

Although he could point to several investments in health care, including the regional cancer centre and heart catheterization facility at the new St. Catharines hospital, the next step is to lower wait times for non-life threatening visits.

The province is the best place to fight for his three priorities, and that's why he chose to stay in provincial politics, rather than run for the position of mayor of Niagara Falls, which many people urged him to do, he said.

MPP Kim Craitor

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our editorial

'Community engagement' encouraged

Residents of Queenston and members of St. Saviour Brock Memorial Church who supported an appeal of a decision that would have allowed a two-storey building at the Queenston dock feel vindicated. After almost two years since the appeal was launched, the Niagara Escarpment Commission has been told it cannot issue a permit for a building double the size of what was there.

The Whirlpool Jet Boat president says the decision is not about jet boats, it is about the building.

But the chairman who listened to evidence for 27 days and wrote a 63-page report said a larger building would lead to intensification of the use of the dock, and that isn't permitted under the escarpment plan. So it could be said it was about jet boats—although nothing in the report says the boats shouldn't be on the river, it does say the number of boats and boat tours from the Queenston dock should not be allowed to grow.

What is most interesting about the decision is a comment made by the provincial minister who read the report, but perhaps can't visualize the long history of controversy over the jet boat operation.

The Minister suggests that in an ideal situation meaningful community engagement between all parties involved should have occurred before the issue got to the stage of requiring a 27-day hearing.

She further urges that before any further application is made for a new building at the dock, those involved should work together on a solution that reconciles economic development with the natural and cultural characteristics of the area. She obviously doesn't want to be presented with another 63-page report to read and another hearing that might exceed what is now on record as the longest in the history of the environmental tribunal.

It's difficult to envision an environment where that community engagement could occur—it would require the Niagara Escarpment Commission and the jet boat operators to sit down with residents and admit there is a problem that can be solved with discussion and compromise.

But if there is to be a building permit issued, it would seem that the Niagara Escarpment Commission might want to heed the advice of the Minister. Otherwise there might be less patience for any future hearings.

Community Centre update

Parks and Recreation director Clive Buist and program manager Kevin Turcotte accept a $500 cheque for the community centre from Ursula Kucharski, Ruth Boulton and Margaret Teare, who presented the cheque on behalf of the University Women in Niagara. The women are looking forward to holding meetings there next year. UWIN is a non-profit organization. As well as women who have a college diploma or university degree, UWIN welcomes as members, women who have a professional designation, certificate, license or other post-secondary qualification. UWIN's focus is to offer socially and intellectually stimulating presentations on a variety of topics.

letters to the editor

Was article on election candidate appropriate?

I wonder if anyone thought even for a second, about the suitability of the "article" about our current MP, Mr. Nicholson (Niagara Advance, April 7). It appeared to be, for all intents and purposes, an advertisement for this gentleman, whom I'm quite sure can pay for his own advertisements. There was even a photograph of the Minister, posed in front of campaign signs, immediately adjacent to a "headline" indicating "promises" of future benefits for us.

Of course there was a mention, at the very end of a very long "article," of there being other candidates in the upcoming election, and there may be a plan to give equal time to these other candidates in your paper, but that should have been made clear at the very beginning of the item, just as CBC and other broadcasters announce that the "following is a political announcement or advertisement." To do otherwise is to indicate at least apparently, that Mr. Nicholson is somehow the front runner, which he probably is.

I am not partisan here. I've voted for every single national party, except for the Bloc Quebecois! (Perhaps I should confess that I wouldn't vote for their candidate even if I could!)

Hugh J. Church.

Changing rates at community centre would be a shame

I read with interest your article regarding Isabelle Parliament questioning the reduced rate for a couple to join the Community Centre. It appears to me that Ms. Parliament is looking at this as a single person and might not understand all the realistic financial facts that come into play for a couple.

Just because two people are married does not mean there are two incomes, particularly in the situation of retired couples. When a couple is on a set income (retired or not) it is hard to find cost effective solutions for a lot of the services the Community Center provides. By having a reduced rate for a couple this allows them to join together to use and enjoy the facilities.

I truly believe that far from "the principle of equality" being "overlooked", and "this thinking" not "in tune with the times", it is in fact very in tune with the reality of the times and is working to allow equality by making the Community Centre available to all in the community. I am not sure how she can support the affordable family rate and not an affordable rate for a couple.

I sincerely hope the Town Council understands this and doesn't eliminate the reduced rate for a couple as I know many people that would then not join and that would be a great shame as it is a wonderful facility.

Syme Jago

Letters to the Editor

Senior reader dismayed about community centre reception of teen

As a "senior" homeowner in NOTL, and a financial supporter of construction of the new Community Centre, I was dismayed to read the letter (Niagara Advance, April 7) from 17-year-old Lauren Green describing her unwelcoming reception from an older couple using the gym at the new facility. This was a most unfortunate incident, which the managers of the Community Centre must nip in the bud by positive and visible actions to make junior members feel welcome. Ms. Green is to be commended for speaking out against the bad behavior of the offending gym occupants. And she should understand that it came from an unhappy, and probably childless, couple.

To most seniors, including those of us in Niagara-on-the-Lake, nothing is more important than our children and grandchildren.

David Cottle

Parents should be proud of teen

Dear Lauren:

Your parents should be very proud of you. You were calm and polite in what you said. A community centre should be for all —young and old, of all ages. Not just for some old folks who think only of themselves, taking and not giving back in.

You said and did what many of us want to do but you had the guts to do it. I am 70 and I would like you to know there are many of us that care about you and your generation. Lauren you are great. Keep it up. If some day we get a pool at the centre, it should be named after you. Thanks.

Terry Bryant

Parents should be proud of teen

Whatever the final "vision" is for the Lakeshore property I suggest it recognizes three important features of this much neglected, forbidden-to-the-public and coveted piece of real estate.

One, a part of it will be used for the new wastewater treatment plant and the infrastructure needed to support it.

Two, parts of it are habitat for species at risk, a small deer herd, a large flock of Wild Turkeys and over 200 different species of birds.

Three, it represents an integral part of the town's pre-history, colonial and recent history.

So far, the only proposal that incorporates all three of these features into its vision is Harmony Residents Group's proposal to create Onghiara Natural Heritage Park on the site. Of course, it would be just one more place to exercise and relax and maybe soak up a bit of culture, natural or otherwise. But what's wrong with that? Surely it's consistent with most people's vision of Niagara these days.

R Payne

Easter celebration takes back seat to nothing

Everyone's invited to the party. There is reason to celebrate.

Barb McGale
St. Andrew's Presbyterian
Consider This

After a winter that seems to have gone on forever, the telltale signs of spring have arrived.

The robins are back in full force; the crocuses have started to push their heads through the cold ground; the temperature is on the rise.

Those signs bring a feeling of optimism and anticipation. We know what is coming and our spirits are lifted.

In the church, we also see signs that lift our spirits because we know what is coming.

As Easter approaches, we are reminded of the good news of the resurrection of Jesus. We are assured of God's forgiveness and unconditional love. We rejoice in the promise of His presence with us in this life and our presence with Him in the life to come.

Culturally, Christmas is the biggest religious holiday in North America but spiritually, Easter takes a back seat to nothing. At Christmas, we celebrate the fact that God took human flesh and dwelt among us. At Easter, we marvel in the fact that God died for us and rose from the dead.

The churches are busy as Easter approaches. Busy getting ready to celebrate. Busy preparing for the party.

And just like the rest of us, you are invited to join the festivities. You are welcome at the party because Jesus invites you.

Drop by and celebrate God's incredible gift to you. The more, the merrier.

Thanks to all who made Just a Party a very successful, fabulous party

The Friends of NDSS support quality education and now we would like to support our youth at the new community centre.

Sandra Cowan & Georgina Keller
Friends of NDSS

Thank you, thank you, and thank you.

The Friends of NDSS have a lot of friends to thank. For all who joined us last Saturday night, we thank you for making the night successful.

There was great comedy (thank you Joe Pillitteri), great music (thank you The Bends and Tim Atherton and the Athertones), great bar men (thank you Kinsmen), great wine (thank you Reif Winery for a very generous donation) and great community participation (thank you donors, auction bidders, and party guests).

It was bittersweet to see the decades of photos, trophies, plaques, banners and awards on display. And what an impressive display it was. The most overheard reaction to the tables was "wow, look at how much there is".

When you take everything that lined walls, halls, library and gym and put them together in one room, you can start to see what has overwhelmed us when trying to honour and preserve the history of the high school of this community.

When last spring the options were dumpster, school garage sale or storage, we opted for the latter and became the custodians. We were glad a couple of key trophies (athletes of the year) were accepted by the museum for display, but were unable to find a facility within our community willing or able to house the hardware.

We still envision secondary education returning to our community some day. Hopefully when that arrives, trophies and plaques which were taken home Saturday night may find themselves donated back from their foster homes to once again be awarded to deserving students, and their legacies can continue.

We like to host parties and we like to see the community come out together and simply have fun. It was "Just a Party", and we would like to thank you for making it fabulous.

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Compromise urged before any further application is made for development

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She encouraged the jet boat company, the residents' association and the church to work on a solution "that reconciles economic development with the natural and cultural characteristics of the area" before any further application is made.

"This is a huge victory for the residents in the village of Queenston," says spokesperson Alice Duc Triano.

Lawyers for the Queenston Residents' Association and St. Saviour, the church overlooking the dock—working pro bono against lawyers for the town, the NEC and Tom Richardson on behalf of the jet boat company—argued that the proposed two-storey building, more than double the size of the original, does not comply with the Niagara Escarpment Plan, and would intensify the operation, which they argued was not a permitted use of the dock.

The Minister of Natural Resources issued the decision concurring with a 63-page report and recommendation by tribunal chair Robert Wright, that a development permit not be issued, although it states another application could be made.

The Whirlpool Jet Boat Tours is a tenant of the Queenston dock, with a long-term lease.

The Whirlpool Jet Boat Tours began using the Queenston dock in 1998 for occasional boat tours, but the operation increased significantly in 2006, the chairman's report said.

The use of the dock was legal up to that point, when it was used for the occasional tour, but the escalating number of regular tours of recent years is not a permitted use, the report said.

John Kinney, president of the jet boat operation, would only comment by email.

He said the decision is about a building permit, not about jet boats.

"As much as those opposed to Whirlpool Jet Boat Tours would like this to be an issue about jet boats operating from the dock...it definitively is not. The Minister's decision specifically states, 'I find it unnecessary to make any determination on the current jetboat operation.'"

Kinney's legal counsel is reviewing legal options on appeals and applications, he said.

His reaction to the decision: "The time and money invested by WJBT and the taxpayers make this decision disappointing. It is important to note, D.G. Bawtinheimer, Ltd., the 70 year long owner of the property, was the applicant and wished to improve their private property. In doing so, they complied with every rule put forward by the provincial government, yet their lawful application was rejected after being endorsed by the five commenting agencies required by the NEC and subsequently approved by the NEC Board of Commissioners."

As for whether his operation on the river would change as a result of the appeal result, he said, "this decision is not about jet boating."

A return to the pre-2006 level of business at the dock would satisfy Queenston residents, said Triano, "but we don't expect that to happen. We've won a battle, but not the war."

SARAH FERGUSON Niagara Advance

A group of Queenston residents feeling vindicated by the results of the environmental tribunal appeal gather at what is known locally as the Queenston sand dock (behind the fence), which has undergone extensive development by the Whirlpool Jet Boat company.

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Resident asks town cost of appeal

Sarah Ferguson
Niagara Advance

Not every business interest should come first, not all the time.

That was Alice Duc Triano's message to council this week as she related the news regarding the successful Queenston Residents Association appeal of the Niagara Escarpment Commission's decision to approve the Whirlpool Jet Boat proposal for a two-storey building, double the size of the one that had been torn down at the Queenston dock.

Triano was at council to ask what the cost of the 27-day hearing was for taxpayers, especially those who supported the appeal.

"We have to pay the (town) lawyers who fought us so bitterly in this very room. Then we had to incur costs on our own side," she told councillors.

Now, she reminded them, the QRA faces another hearing—this one at the Ontario Municipal Board, to appeal language in the Queenston Secondary plan, she says put there at the request of the jet boat company's lawyer, which she believes will enshrine the operation as a permitted use at the dock.

She asked council that no further action be taken by the town that would allow the boat company to expand its operation.

She also reminded council members they have no jurisdiction over the dock site in Queenston, the roadway leading to the dock or the waterway surrounding the dock.

She told council the majority of citizens in Queenston are united in protecting their properties, their natural surroundings, the wildlife in the area and the waterfront.

"Stand back, think and help us."

Councillor Martin Mazza commended Triano and Queenston residents for their efforts.

"It's nice to see the little guy beat the big guy once in a while," he said.

Town CAO Mike Galloway said a report on the costs incurred during the appeal can be finalized and brought to council to share with the community.

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Young people needed to help guide programs at centre

A youth committee will provide input into activities and furnishings of Penner Youth Room.

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

The schedule for the Penner Youth Room programs at the new community centre is pretty much a blank slate at the moment—as is the room itself.

This weekend, the Friends of NDSS purchased a commercial-type foosball soccer table they hope young people will enjoy playing.

The Friends held a fundraising party Saturday night, and Sunday, Laura and Doug Hernder were at a home show at the new convention centre in Niagara Falls when they saw a foosball table they thought would be perfect—made by the same company that supplied the pool tables and dart boards for the games room at the community centre.

They made arrangements to purchase it with proceeds from Saturday night, and by the end of the day had delivered it to the community centre, where it waits for a group of kids to arrive to get a competition going.

Although the rest of the room remains unfurnished at this point, it will likely have some cozy, plush furniture for kids to hang out on, a music system and some sort of game system—Wii or X-Box 360, says program manager Kevin Turcotte.

> **"Kids need a place to hang out, to be safe. They may as well be here."**
>
> *— Judy Rive, Friend of NDSS*

The foosball table the Friends purchased is a durable, good quality game—one that he had looked at and priced for the room, and that he hoped to be able to purchase, he said.

"It will be well-used for sure."

The Friends will be happy to see the table, and the room, used by young people as a place to meet now that the high school is closed, said Judy Rive.

"Our young kids need a place to hang out, to be safe. They may as well be here, with Kevin to look after them."

Turcotte says he hopes for more suggestions from the kids themselves about what they would like to see in the room.

It could be used for any number of activities. As a drop-in center, it will likely have two separate times for different age groups—possibly the 12-and-under kids could use it until 7:30 p.m. and the teens after that, until 9:30 or 10 p.m., he said.

They could organize battle of the band-type events, teen dances, resume-writing workshops, homework help and tutoring sessions—but he wants some input from young people before he develops a schedule. The games room and auditorium could also be available for some events, including game tournaments.

"We just have to see what the kids want and how it evolves. It could change as we go along. It really depends on how many kids are interested in using the room, what ages and what they want to use it for."

He has been collecting names of teens who might be interested in forming a youth committee that would help shape the programs at the centre, and is interested in hearing from more young people who might be interested in joining.

He's trying to get a good cross-section of young people from all corners of town, he said, from about Grade 7 through high school.

"Now that the centre is open and we're ready to schedule programs, we hope to get it started soon."

Meanwhile, the upstairs track and fitness area is being well-used by teens—it is available for anyone aged 13 and older, but is activity is unsupervised and unstructured, he says.

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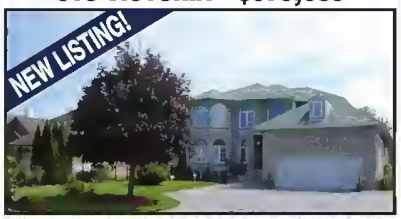

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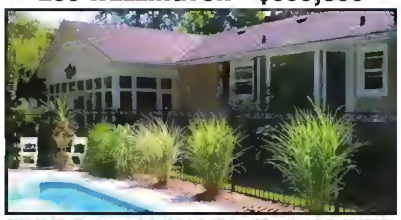

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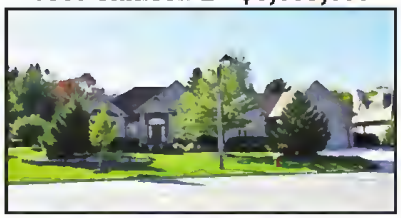

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St. Andrews Church parishioners are helping Obadiah Sahu with his Niagara College tuition.

Church helps student with tuition problems

Student came to NOTL from India to study to be a chef.

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Obadiah Sahu is a 21-year-old student from Mumbai, India—a polite, respectful, humble and sensitive young man who you can't help but want to to help.

He came to Canada to study at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Culinary School, which ran into some misfortune—first shut down by the province, it was then given permission to reopen. In the meantime, the owner has become ill and is not able to work, the school seemingly now closed permanently.

During Sahu's short stay here, he has won the hearts of those who know him, especially at St. Andrews Church.

A devout Christian—his church in Mumbai is also St. Andrews—he says it is God who has brought him to this point in his journey and who will see him through whatever waits ahead.

He is clearly talented in the field he has chosen—he hopes to be a Michelin chef—and has been accepted into Niagara College's two-year culinary management program, where he will have to complete one year to receive his diploma, thanks to the credits he has already earned.

In May, he will begin his co-op placement at Treadwell Farm to Table in Port Dalhousie, and will begin classes in September.

He is hesitant to bring any further attention to the plight of the NOTL Culinary School owners—he has great respect for them, received nothing but the best instruction from them in his time here, he says, and he wishes them only the best.

"They set me on the right path, gave me a foundation and taught me what I needed to know to survive in the industry," he says.

He is also reluctant to accept help or publicity. Although he wants very much to finish what he started, and requires financial assistance, he says he trusts in God to look after him.

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Two fundraising dinners will showcase talent of foreign student

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The parishioners of St. Andrews, however, impressed by his faith, his determination and his skill in the kitchen, have stepped in to help with his finances, and for that he is extremely grateful.

"I'm speechless. I marvel at what God has done for me. And everyone here has been so kind—the people at church, and at work. It's been a very humbling experience."

The education he will receive from the two schools will give him a good start, he says, but what happens after that will have to be a result of his own skill—it's not the certificate that will earn him a reputation in the food industry, but how well he performs in the kitchen.

> **"It's been a very humbling experience."**
> *— Niagara College student Obadiah Sahu*

As for where he will work—here in Niagara, at home in India or elsewhere in the world, he says, will be God's plan, not his.

Two fundraising dinners organized by parishioners of St. Andrews will be held at the McCain home on Queen Street, April 29 and 30, to help pay for Sahu's tuition.

He and the college's corporate chef, Mark Hand, have prepared the menu and will work together to prepare the dinners. Seating is limited, only 28 tickets each night—many already sold, but a few left.

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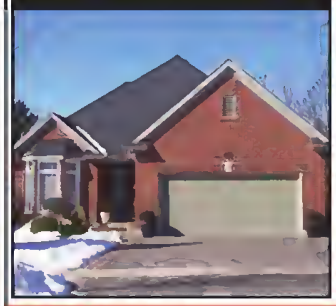

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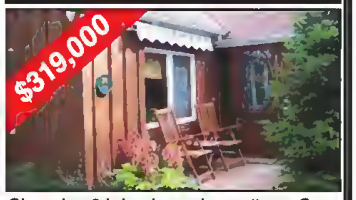

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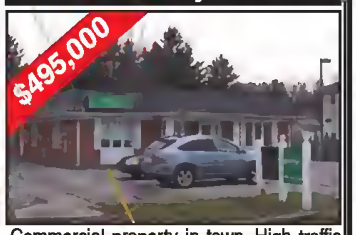

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Lyrical music at St. Mark's kicks off Easter season

Sarah Ferguson
Niagara Advance

Peaceful and lyrical music will be flowing through the doors of St. Mark's Anglican Church and everyone is invited to help kick off the Easter season.

St. Mark's choir of about 30 singers, with guest organist Lynn Honsberger, will perform two sacred choral works by Gabriel Fauré, including his famous "Requiem" on Palm Sunday, April 17.

Fauré was a French composer, organist, pianist and teacher of sacred and secular music. Fauré's Requiem is a mass for the dead, not meant to be fearful, but rather "a happy deliverance, an aspiration towards happiness above."

Michael Tansley, musical director of St. Mark's Anglican Chuch, says Fauré's Reqiuem is a beautiful, exquisite and peaceful piece of music.

"It is a perfect way to begin the Easter season."

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Cushion donations to aid Rich Hoadley

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"The pews were meant for people to sit up straight and they're not exactly comfortable," says Rev. Wright.

The proceeds from the cushions will be donated to Rich Hoadley, a member of the church and a cancer patient.

Wright says that asking people for donations to use cushions is the best way for the church to contribute to Hoadley's cancer treatment.

"Cancer treatments can be very costly and we want to do what we can to help. Rich is such a great guy," Wright says. "We just want to do whatever we can to help him out."

The church will continue to collect funds by selling cushions all summer as there will be many other concerts that people can attend, says Wright.

Tickets for the Sunday concert are $10 each. They can be purchased in advance or at the door. The concert begins at 4 p.m.

For more information about this concert, or upcoming concerts this summer, phone 905-468-3123.

SARAH FERGUSON Niagara Advance

Darlene and Rich Hoadley are grateful to the community for their support during his costly cancer treatments.

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Butler Sports Bar to hold fundraiser, including silent auction

Staff of Niagara's Finest want to support Hoadley family.

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Rich Hoadley has received some great news from his doctor, and more great news from the community.

Hoadley, well-known and highly respected in the community, is suffering from an aggressive brain tumor and has been receiving treatment not funded by OHIP.

A brain tumor was first found in January 2010 and removed, followed by radiation and chemotherapy.

But last December, Hoadley began suffering severe pain, and his memory, speech and motor skills were deteriorating quickly. His doctors at The Juravinski Cancer Centre discovered that the chemo was no longer effective and the tumor had grown rapidly. Another small growth was also found on his brain stem, and although doctors were able to operate on the large tumor, they couldn't touch the one on his brain stem because of its location.

For that, he's being treated with injections of Avastin, a tumor-starving therapy which blocks the protein put out by the tumor, cutting off its food supply so that it feeds off itself, causing it to shrink.

Hoadley has already had three of these injections—one every three weeks. A recent MRI showed signs of improvement, and his doctors have decided to continue with the course of treatments, says his son Jamie.

The drug is approved and funded for the treatment of colon cancer, but not for the brain tumor that is attacking Hoadley. Each injection costs about $5,000, and the family has tried going to the province and several foundations, including Trillium, with no results so far.

Ryan Murray of Niagara Finest Inns, and Matt Dietsch, manager of NFI's Butlers Sport's Bar, are friends of the Hoadley family, and discovered when his predicament became public how popular the local man is, and how many members of the community want to help.

The sports bar will host a community get-together and silent auction Tuesday, April 19 from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. with all profits and proceeds raised that day at the sports bar, including food, beverages and silent auction items, to be given to the Hoadley family to help pay for injections of Avastin.

Live music has been donated by James Brown, Tim Atherton and friends to entertain from 7 to 10 p.m. Items for the auction have been donated by local businesses and families. Many of the staff at the sports bar have donated their time so that their wages and all tips can also be donated.

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Treatment costs covered so far

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"Many members of the community came to us with a desire to find a way to raise funds for Rich. We were happy to offer the sports bar as a venue for this event and we are thrilled by the quality and amount of donations for the auction," said Sue Murray, owner of Butler's Sports Bar.

The silent auction includes overnight stays at local hotels and at any member hotel of Ontario's Finest Inns, dinners for two, rounds of golf, spa treatments, golf lessons and lots of other interesting items.

"There really is something for everyone. If you can't make it out for the evening, come for lunch on April 19 and the proceeds will also be donated," said Murray.

Anyone wishing to donate a gift to the silent auction can do so by dropping it off at the Best Western Colonel Butler Inn.

The Oban Inn has also been helping the family—all proceeds from Monday lunches and dinners, including tips, throughout the month of April will go to Hoadley, and have been very successful, raising $4,600 on the first two Mondays.

Jamie says his family is finding the community support unbelievable, from the moment the first email was sent out by his parents' friends Shawn and Steve Bolger in February explaining his father's situation to family and close friends.

"From that email news spread very quickly, and the love and support started pouring in. In only a couple of weeks we had enough to cover two treatments and it hasn't stopped. It seemed that everyone who heard about this wanted to help out in one way or another. Words cannot describe how thankful my family is for everything that everyone is doing to give my dad this fighting chance," said Jamie.

"I feel so blessed to have been raised in this beautiful, loving, close knit community and I really can't thank everyone enough for their support."

To those who can't make it out Tuesday to Butlers Sport's Bar for lunch or dinner and the auction, or to the Oban on the next two Mondays, but would like to help, donations can be made at the TD Bank, branch #3557, account #6042396.

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Fashion show, annual pasta dinner to help kids

Sarah Ferguson
Niagara Advance

As a testament to the local commitment to an important cause, two fundraisers will be held Sunday to help Red Roof Retreat, the facility that has captured the heart of the community for the work it does to help special needs children.

Nestled in Virgil is a house that looks like any other, but something extraordinary goes on inside of it. This Concession 6 house is home to Red Roof Retreat.

It is staffed with welcoming, trained and positive workers and volunteers who care for children and adults with special needs.

In the backyard, a playground with swings rests. Keep walking and you come to a barn, horses, pigs and goats and behind that, a wheelchair-accessible trail leads to beautiful, natural wetlands. It is a safe and nurturing environment where families can feel secure in leaving their loved ones with special needs for the day, or overnight on the weekends.

The programs offered include a summer day camp, an adult day program and a respite program where individuals with special needs can enjoy the ranch and its many features—even therapeutic horseback riding.

The Red Roof Retreat respite program serves about 30 families and has about another 30 families on the waiting list.

Steffanie Bjorgan created Red Roof Retreat after having her son Garrett, who has cerebral palsy. Bjorgan says she recognized the need for a place that could provide programs not available elsewhere in the community.

These programs depend on fundraising to offset costs, which can be very expensive.

"We depend heavily on community support," says Bjorgan.

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Model Marta Jovanovic shows some of the fashions that will be shown at the Silkeborg show at Inniskillin Sunday.

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Fundraisers offset costs of Red Roof weekend respite program

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The services offered by Red Roof Retreat give families a break from caring for family members, and it gives those with special needs a chance to socialize and enjoy some of the activities that everyone else can.

It's a comfort zone for families where they know their children are safe and well-taken care of, says Bjorgan.

"Sometimes it's what keeps families going."

Because Red Roof Retreat relies heavily on donations, they hold fundraisers throughout the year.

The community can show their support or learn more about what the Red Roof Retreat does at either of the two upcoming fundraisers. One has become somewhat of a tradition—the 9th annual pasta dinner—the other is completely new and different.

The Pasta Dinner is one of the biggest events for Red Roof Retreat because it helps spread awareness throughout the region, getting the word out about the organization and what it does, says Bjorgan.

"It's a great night out for the family."

Proceeds from the night will offset the cost of the weekend respite program for families, who pay $150 for the weekend, with fundraising covering the rest of the costs.

The dinner will be held Sunday, April 17 at John Michaels Banquet Hall in Thorold. Tickets cost $20 per person or $10 for children six to 12 years of age. Children under five are free.

Doors open at 4 p.m. with dinner starting at 5 p.m.

For more information or to order tickets call Red Roof Retreat at 905-684-0253.

The other fundraiser is called Crush, and combines a fashion show from Silkeborg, a NOTL clothing store that offers upscale, unique clothing lines from Canada and Europe, with food and wine, held at Inniskillin, Sunday, April 17 and hosted by the Wine Ladies.

The store has been on Queen Street for 13 years, and has evolved to offer several new lines and great personal stylists, says manager Jade Newkirk. She values the store's relationship with the community, and wants to show support for Red Roof, which provides an important service to Niagara parents with special needs children.

"We want to help raise awareness of the importance of Red Roof among our customer base."

Tickets for the fashion show are $35 and include swag bags with great gifts, she says, and door prizes. Call 905-468-2554 for tickets or visit Silkeborg at 7 Queen St.

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Carolyn Weiss, Brett Sherlock and Paul Shepherd of the Niagara Foundation relax in the Foghorn, which the Foundation has restored to be used for tourist rentals.

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Open house offers public an opportunity to tour historic building

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The house, built by the Department of Marine and Fisheries in 1904 as a warning station for marine vessels, was decommissioned in 1978, and remains one of the few original structures of its kind still standing—an unusual survivor of great lakes navigational aids.

It has been restored inside and out, and is now furnished with an elegant combination of period pieces and and contemporary furniture that is not only stylish and charming, but that can hopefully withstand the wear of tourism accommodation.

The antiques were bequeathed to the Niagara Foundation by two local families, the Swayzes and Van Everys, and gently restored—but not over-restored, points out Brett Sherlock, so that they still carry the beautiful patina that reveals their age—

They had been stored in the barracks on the Commons until the Foundation could find a use for them, says Carolyn Weiss, who designed the interior.

"They were gathering dust and critters, and there were some beautiful pieces. We're glad to have them polished up and on display, finally. It's nice that they will be used and appreciated, hopefully."

> **"It's time to have the antiques out in the open."**
> *— Niagara Foundation member Carolyn Weiss*

They will be covered with glass for protection, but they have already withstood 150 to 200 years of use, she says.

"It's time to have them out in the open again."

Upstairs the hardwood floor has been restored—covered on the landing by a beautiful hand-made carpet—but downstairs, the floor has been replaced.

French doors to the patio have been added, opening up the view of the river across to Fort Niagara from the dining area and living room, and an original wood fireplace has been converted to gas.

Over the fireplace, hidden by doors that are new but look as if they could have been there forever, is a 42-inch flat-screen TV with DVD player—again holding to the period look and feel of the cottage while providing modern amenities.

There is only one bedroom, upstairs, with a new bathroom, but the couch in the living room opens into a queen-size bed, making it an ideal getaway for one or two couples, says Weiss.

The kitchen is fully equipped with modern appliances, dishes and utensils—everything visitors would require to eat in.

Purchased by the town in the early '80s and first restored by the Foundation later that decade, the heritage-designated building is leased to the Foundation, which will rent it out, hand over a portion of rental fees to the town and uses the rest to help finance future projects.

The bulk of the renovation has been financed by a generous donation from Carol and John Walker, with several other contributors helping to see the work finished.

An open house will be held for the public to have an opportunity to see inside the beautifully restored Foghorn on River Beach Road Sunday, April 17, from 2 to 4 p.m.

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Contest can benefit soccer players, community

BMO offering prizes to winning teams and a chance at a grand prize of $125,000 to refurbish soccer field.

Sarah Ferguson
Niagara Advance

It's time to kick up a fuss and play some soccer.

This year, parents and coaches have the opportunity to acknowledge soccer players for their athletic achievements and team work.

BMO Financial Group has launched a major national soccer program across Canada called BMO Team of the Week, open to soccer players aged seven to 12.

Soccer coaches and parents can nominate their favourite teams—they can be minor sports clubs or school teams—giving them a chance to win a grand prize of $125,000 to refurbish their community soccer field and a trip to see professional soccer teams Toronto FC or Vancouver Whitecaps FC.

Starting April 20, one winning team of the week will be announced every week for 15 weeks. The teams chosen will receive $500, track suits and a donation to a local charity as well as a chance to win the grand prize.

A panel of judges will select the team of the week based on the team's pride, spirit, involvement in the community and its passion for the game.

The team who wins the grand prize will be selected by the public via online voting as of August 1.

The winning team will be announced Aug. 15 and will win the title of the BMO Team of the Week 2011 Champions.

A BMO study found one out of three families play soccer, so "it makes sense to support local communities," said a BMO spokesperson.

He says the grand prize BMO is offering can do a lot for the winners in their community—all teams in the community will benefit.

The money can be spent in any way the winning team sees fit as long as it goes towards rebuilding or refurbishing the field.

More children are playing soccer than ever, the BMO study found—participation has increased more than any other sport

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The person nominated must be, or have previously been, a resident of NOTL, and can be nominated in one of two categories: an athlete who has been outstanding in their athletic field, or a builder such as trainer, coach, official or executive member whose work for NOTL sport over a period of time has been outstanding.

A committee will review all nominations received and select two individuals each year to add to those already recognized on the Wall of Fame in the Meridian Credit Union.

A nomination form is available at the Parks and Recreation office in the arena, or on the town's website at notl.org.

Nominations for 2011 must be received by May 31, with winners expected to be chosen in June and a ceremony to honour those chosen likely to be held in August, says parks and recreation director Clive Buist.

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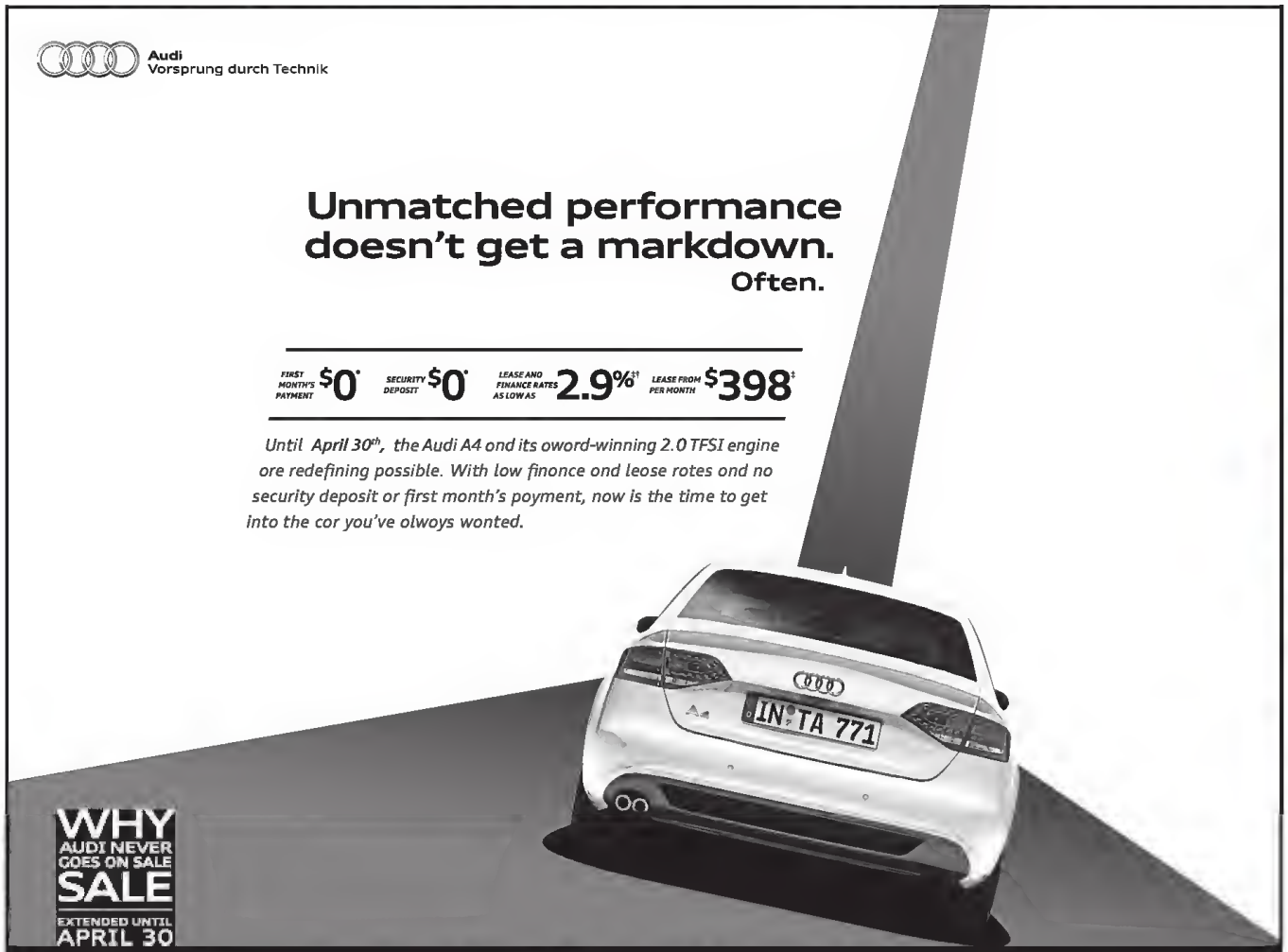

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Announcements

Deaths

ARSENAULT, Jane Eleanore (nee Scott) - Suddenly at her home in Virgil on Thursday, April 7, 2011 at the age of 64. Jane will be deeply missed by her loving husband Paul, her children Scott Barr (Venessa), Brian Barr (Michelle) and Carolyn Barr (Robert Theil), her step-sons David Arseneault (Lori), Dylan Arsenault (Bonita) and her grandchildren Lauren, Jaime, Meghan, Julia, Max, Claire, Mason and Blake. Funeral and Memorial Services have already taken place in Hamilton Ontario. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the "Huntington Society of Canada", Suite 400, 151 Frederick St. Kitchener, Ontario, N2H 2M2
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Oh, for the touch of a vanished hand,
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And while she sleeps a peaceful sleep,
Her memory we shall always keep.

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Deaths

BRINSMEAD, Raymond Craig ~ August 8, 1955 – April 5, 2011 - Died peacefully in the comfort of his home with his wife Robin by his side. He is predeceased by grandparents George and Mary Brinsmead and Len end Hilda Tevemer, survived by his parents Gordon and Joyce Brinsmead of Niegara-on-the-Lake, end siblings Stephen (Carol) of Brantford, Michael (Jeanne) of Victoria, Sharon (Tony) of St. Davids, Shelley (Howard) of Niagara-on-the-Lake, and many nieces and nephews. Raymond will be sedly missed by wife Robin, mother-in-law Beverly Rockett, sister-in-law Eden (Chris) and stepsons Christien (Rebecca) Fruhm, Joseph Gorecki and Simon Gorecki. He will be remembered by all who knew him for his kindness, knowledge, charm and humour. An avid sailor and yachtsman, he begen seiling in the junior seiling progrem and has continued racing all his life. He combined his passion for sailing with several successful business ventures in marine and residential canvas products. The family would like to thank the friends and neighbours who helped Raymond & Robin as well as CCAC, St. Elizabeth, The Rad Cross, North Niagara Palliativa Cara Team and Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Palliative Care for the help and compassion that enabled him to end his life at home. There will be a celebration of Raymond's lifa at St. Mark's Anglican Church, 41 Byron Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake on Saturday, April 9, 2011 at 2 pm. A gathering of friands will follow the service at Addison Hall. At Raymond's behest, in lieu of flowers, kindly make donations to the Junior Sailing Program at the Niegara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club. Sign the on-line guast book at:
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Deaths

BRAZEAU, Robert "Bobby" – Passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by his loving family, on Wednesdey April 6, 2011 at the age of 75. Beloved husband of 52 yeers to Ann (Cempegne) Brezeeu. Dearly loved father of Carrie (Jerry) Heuser, Glenn (Nancy) Brazeau, Lisa (Rob) Dallman and Rob (Kim) Brazeau. Cherished "Papa" of Vanessa, Evan, Patrick, Jonethen, Deniel, Ryen, Nicholes, McKenzie and Rachael. Dear brother of Ron (Merg) Brezeeu, Cerole (George) Laslo and Gary (Colleen) Brazeau. Predeceased by his granddaughter Emma Rose (1996) and his sister Sandra Brideau. Together with his father and brothers Bobby was co-owner end operetor of Lou Brazeeu end Sons Construction for many years. Bobby was elso very involved with his wife Ann in Worldwide Marriage Encounter as well as marriage preparation for engaged couples. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday April 11th at St. Patrick's Church, Niagara Falls. Interment followed et Feirview Cemetery. In memory of Mr. Brazeau donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society or the Walker Family Regional Cancer Centre would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to PATTERSON FUNERAL HOME, 6062 Main St. Niagara Falls. On-line condolences at
www.pattersonfuneralhome.com

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HILL, Dorothy Evelyn - Pessed away peacefully on Monday, April 11, 2011 at Grandview Lodge in Dunnville at the age of 86. Beloved wife of the late William (1986). Dear mother of the late David (2002) and his wife Sherry end Glenn end his wife Nancy. Cherished grandmother of Rodger (Brenda), Brian (Angela), David, Cindy (Rob) and Rick (Amy). Great-grandmother of Melissa, Kyle, Brady, Emma, Brooke, Jenna, Savannah and Ryan. Sister of Alfred (Edie) Staines, the late George (Dorothy) and the late Edna (Percy) Howse. Survived by sevaral nieces and naphews. A special thank you to Sue Bilton for all of your help. Dorothy's family will receive friends at **MORGAN FUNERAL HOME,** 415 Regent Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake, on Sunday, April 17th from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. A service to celebrate her life will held at St. Mark's Anglican Church (Byron Streat, Niagara-on-the-Lake) on Monday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. For those who wish memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Society, tha Canadian Cancar Society or tha Haldimand War Memorial Hospital, Dunnville. Online guast registar
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Deaths

LEGROS, Mildred Marie (Michaud) - It is with deep sadness thet the family announce her passing on April 10, 2011 in her 93rd yeer. Beloved wife of the lete Theode J. (Ted) Legros (1986). Much loved and cherished mother of Richard (Lynn), Ted (Heather), and Len (Ruth) of St. Davids, Margaret (Douglas) Chamberlain of St. Catherines, end Devid (Wende) of London. Gramma will be sadly missed by her 14 grendchildren and 12 greet grandchildren. Dear sister of Isobel Ely of Vigil and the late Paul (1977), Yvonne (2004), and Ernest (2007). Sister in law of Kay Michaud of Wisconsin. Mildred "Meme" was born in Thorold end moved to St. Devids in 1959. She and her family owned and operated the Log Cabin in St. Davids. Mom was e lifetime member of the CWL at Holy Rosary Church in Thorold and then at Our Lady of Scapular Church in Niagara Falls. She made the best apple pies! A special thank you to the wonderful cering staff et Niagere Ina Grafton Gage LTC who cared for mom. The family will receive relatives and friends at the **GEORGE DARTE FUNERAL CHAPEL** 585 Carlton St. St. Catharines on Wednesday April 13, 2011 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Vigil prayers will be said in the funeral home Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. The funaral liturgy will be celebratad at St. Alfred's Church 272 Vine St. on Thursday April 14, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. with the rite of committal to follow at Lakeview Cemetery in Thorold. In lieu of flowers memorial ramambrances mada to St. Vincent de Paul Society, The Out of the Cold program or the Charity of one's Choica would ba appreciated by the family.

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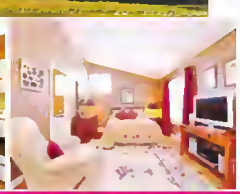

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